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Idaho Milk Production up 9.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during October 2003 totaled 752 million pounds, a 9.3 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 17 million pounds from September 2003, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Production for September 2003 totaled 735 million pounds, a 2 million pound decrease from the preliminary estimate, but 8.4 percent above September 2002. Average milk production per cow in October 2003 was 1,820 pounds, 60 pounds more than October 2002, and 40 pounds above September 2003. The average number of milk cows during October was 413,000 head, the same as the revised September 2003 estimate and 22,000 head more than October 2002.

Nationally, October milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.0 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from production in these same States in October 2002. September revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds, was down 5 million pounds from September 2002. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,550 pounds for October 2003, 11 pounds above October 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 70,000 head less than October 2002, and 25,000 head less than September 2003.

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